



## ELK GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## ELK GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT HIRES DONNA HANSEN AS ITS NEW GENERAL MANAGER



**Elk Grove, CA** – The Elk Grove Community Services District (C.S.D.) Board of Directors announced today the hiring of Donna Hansen of Modesto as its new General Manager. Hansen replaces Rita K. Velasquez, who retired last month.

“My fellow Board members and I are pleased that Donna has accepted the reins at the C.S.D. We are confident she will bring the same energy, intensity, and leadership to the District that she has shared with the cities of Modesto and Lathrop and other local governments to further the C.S.D.’s commitment to providing the highest quality parks, recreation, fire and emergency medical services to the Elk Grove community,” stated CSD Board President Pat Perez.

Hansen’s background includes more than 20 years of public service to cities in California and Florida. Hansen will leave her present position as the Interim Assistant City Manager for the City of Lathrop to join the Community Services District. Other positions she has held previously include Deputy City Manager and Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Modesto (2001-2004, 1999-2001), Chief of Police for the City of Fort Myers, Florida (1991-1995), and Chief of the United Nations Support Unit for the former Yugoslavia (1996-1997).

Hansen holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois in Industrial Administration and a master’s degree in Public Administration from Florida International University. She has received certifications from the Advanced Executive Education program at the University of Miami and the Senior Police Management Program at the University of Louisville, Southern Police Institute.

As Deputy City Manager for the City of Modesto (population 200,000+), Hansen managed several capital improvement/community development projects including a police/fire/parks facility and renovation and expansion of a community center. Her duties also included management of three golf courses and 64 city parks.

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“Donna’s wealth of experience in management, public safety, development, and coalition building will be a tremendous asset to the District as we move forward with construction and staffing plans for new parks, community centers, and fire stations in Elk Grove’s new growth areas, while also maintaining and enhancing the level of existing services for all Elk Grove residents,” said Perez. “We believe she possesses the character and ability necessary to lead the District forward and continue the positive working relationships forged with the City of Elk Grove, the Elk Grove Unified School District, other government agencies, and local interest and service groups.”

“The excellent quality of programs and services offered by the District is evident,” says Hansen. “I am honored to be a part of the Community Services District team and am anxious to report to work.”

Hansen will assume her duties as C.S.D. General Manager December 1, 2004. Her annual salary will be \$150,000.

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